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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Mitchell H. Katz  
Director

SUBJECT: **QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROGRESS IN OBTAINING REIMBURSEMENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES MEDICAL HUB FORENSIC EVALUATIONS**

On September 1, 2009, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in conjunction with the Departments of Health Services (DHS), Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Public Social Services (DPSS), to report back in 30 days, and quarterly thereafter, on our progress on the following items:

1) Working with the Medi-Cal Managed Care health plans to establish contracts for reimbursement for Medical Hub forensic examinations for pre-detained and non-detained children involved in the child welfare system; 2) working with the California Departments of Health and Social Services on carving out reimbursement to the County for Medical Hub forensic medical examinations at the federal Medi-Cal Share of Cost level, similar to the State's agreements with school-based clinics; and 3) evaluating the feasibility of systematically accessing alternative State emergency/temporary Medi-Cal eligibility programs, such as the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway Program, for children not already enrolled in Medi-Cal.

This quarterly report provides an update on item one. Items two and three were addressed in prior quarterly reports.

### Reimbursement from Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans

DHS is progressively working with L.A. Care staff to establish a contract for reimbursement of Medical Hub forensic evaluations and initial medical exams. This collaborative effort of negotiating an agreement will require additional time to research the potential billing and claims process for reimbursement. Once this assessment is completed, DHS will finalize recommendations to your Board.

This will be the last quarterly report on this matter, unless DHS is otherwise instructed by your Board.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Cheri Todoroff, at (213) 240-8272 or via e-mail at [ctodoroff@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:ctodoroff@dhs.lacounty.gov).

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